



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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DNR INVESTIGATES FISH KILL IN SCOTT COUNTY

LE CLAIRE — The DNR is investigating a fish kill along a small stream near Le Claire in Scott County.

The DNR observed hundreds of dead minnows and crawfish on Wednesday afternoon in an unnamed stream, locally known as “Conduit Creek.” The stream drains into Spencer Creek, which flows into the Mississippi River.

It appears that heavy rains may have washed a pollutant into the stream within the past few days. Initial field tests on Wednesday indicated high ammonia levels, which can be toxic to fish and other aquatic life. The DNR is investigating possible sources of the fish kill Thursday.

Anyone with information regarding the fish kill should contact the DNR field office in Washington at (319) 653-2135.

MEDIA CONTACT: Dennis Ostwinkle, DNR Washington field office, at (319) 653-2135.

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COMPUTER RECYCLING GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting proposals for the Sustainable Computer Recycling Initiative to establish or expand computer collection and recycling programs across the state.

The 2006 Iowa Legislature appropriated \$300,000 from the Solid Waste Alternatives Program to implement a one-time grant offering for the recycling of hardware or equipment associated with personal computers. The DNR will award funds to a selected applicant or applicants that meet the conditions and requirements in this Request for Proposal (RFP).

The RFP can be downloaded from this Web site: <http://www.iowadnr.com/rfp.html>. Proposals are due on October 25, 2006 by 4:00 p.m.

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